AIDS patients in the country

2822. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of AIDS patients in the country;

(b) whether the infrastructure of Government hospitals is inadequate to deal with the increasing number of AIDS patients in the country;

(c) if so, the concrets steps being taken by Government in this regard;

(d) whether the National AIDS Control Organisation provides any training to the doctors for AIDS management so that they can achieve expertise for treatement of AIDS can achieve expertise for treatment of AIDS patients; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) 1,67,078 AIDS cases have been reported by the State health authorities from 1986 to 31 March 2007.

(b) and (c) The number of Government hospitals providing treatment to AIDS patients has increased from 8 in 2004 to 127 in 2007 which are planned to be increased to 250 under NACP-III (2007-2012). Each hospital is provided additional manpower support as per patient load on contract basis for the ART centre where AIDS patients receive treatment. For timely identification of patients requiring ART, CD4 machines have also been provided to ART Centres.

(d) and (e) The senior faculty of the hospital in which the ART centre is located as well doctors and other staff on contract are provided training before the centre starts functioning. The training is conducted in specified institutions for 5-12 days depending on category of staff.

PHCs in Katihar district of Bihar

2823. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of primary health centres in Katihar district in Bihar, block-wise;